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Appendix: the 103 manor court roll series used in this article, with (for seventy-four series) indication of the presence or absence of five aspects of procedure in personal actions

	County	Manor court roll series	Lord (church/lay)	Start date	Jury trial	Compurgation	Essoin	Mesne process	Enforcement of judgment
<i>'Eastern group' (Cambridgeshire, Essex, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk)</i>									
1	C	Balsham	C	1310	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	C	Barton (Priory)	C	1279	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
3	C	Bottisham	L	1320	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	C	Foxton	C	1276	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	C	Landbeach	L	1327	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	C	Littleport	C	1316	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	C	Meldreth	L	1316	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	C	Oakington	C	1290	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	C	<i>Steeple Morden</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>1280</i>					
10	C	Swaffham Prior	C	1281	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
11	C	<i>West Wratting</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>1272</i>					
12	E	East Hanningfield	L	1331	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	E	Great Waltham/High Easter	L	1248	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	E	Ingatestone	C	1279	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	E	Matching	L	1307	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	E	Messing	L	1287	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	L	Ingoldmells	L	1291	✓	✓	✓	✓	X

18	L	Langtoft and Baston	C	1252	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	L	Toynnton	L	1310	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	L	West Halton	L	1313	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
21	N	Ashill (Panworth)	L	1327	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	N	Bressingham	L	1309	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	N	Bunwell (Hadeston)	L	1322	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24	N	Coltishall	L	1275	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25	N	Costessey	L	1274	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	N	East Beckham	L	1273	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	N	<i>Gressenhall</i>	L	1274					
28	N	Heacham	C	1275	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
29	N	<i>Hevingham</i>	C	1277					
30	N	Hindringham	C	?1258	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
31	N	Hingham	L	1257	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
32	N	Horsham St Faith	C	1264	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	N	<i>Kempstone</i>	C	1307					
34	N	<i>Tibenham</i>	L	1329					
35	N	Weasenham (Kipton)	L	1307	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	N	<i>Wymondham (Groshagh)</i>	L	1296					
37	S	Aldham	L	1252	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
38	S	Fornham	C	?1255	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
39	S	Great Barton	C	1291	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	S	<i>Hinderclay</i>	C	1257	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
41	S	Lakenheath	C	1309	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
42	S	Leiston	C	1272	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
43	S	Mildenhall	C	1299	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

44	S	Redgrave	C	1259	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	S	South Elmham (Flixton)	C	1271					
<i>'Western group' (Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire)</i>									
46	G	Berkeley (Canonbury)	C	1309	X	✓	✓	✓	X
47	G	Bitton (manor & hundred)	L	1283	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
48	G	Daglingworth	L	1327					
49	G	Gloucester Abbey manors	C	1292					
50	G	Mangotsfield	L	1301					
51	G	Minchinhampton	C	1271	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
52	G	Newent	L	1295					
53	G	Shipton Moyne	L	1316					
54	G	Thornbury	L	1328	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	G	Winchcombe Abbey manors	C	1340					
56	H	Allensmore & Kingston	C	1339	X	✓	✓	✓	X
57	H	Baysham	C	1321					
58	H	Breinton	C	1331	✓	✓	X	X	X
59	H	Bromyard foreign	C	1347					
60	H	Canon Pyon	C	1315	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
61	H	Cublington	C	1338					
62	H	Eardisland (Burton)	L	1331	X	✓	✓	X	X
63	H	Hereford Cathedral minor manors ¹	C	1273	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	H	Norton Canon	C	1273	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

65	H	Pencombe (Whitney)	L	1303	X	✓	✓	✓	X
66	H	Preston-on-Wye	C	1275	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	H	Staunton-on-Arrow	L	1319	X	✓	X	X	X
68	H	Woolhope	C	1277	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	H	<i>Woolhope (Gorwell)</i>	C	<i>1347</i>					
70	Sh	Billingsley	L	1340	X	✓	X	✓	X
71	Sh	Bromfield	C	1298	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
72	Sh	Broughall	L	1326	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
73	Sh	<i>Cardington</i>	C	<i>1336</i>					
74	Sh	Claverley	L	1277	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
75	Sh	Dodington	L	1339	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
76	Sh	<i>Ellesmere St John</i>	C	<i>1349</i>					
77	Sh	<i>Ercall Magna</i>	L	<i>1338</i>					
78	Sh	Ruyton XI Towns	L	1331	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
79	Sh	<i>Wenlock Priory manors</i>	C	<i>1333</i>					
80	Sh	Whitchurch (manor & hundred)	L	1332	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
81	Sh	Worfield	L	1327	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82	St	Alrewas	L	1259	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
83	St	Bagots Bromley	L	1286	X	✓	✓	✓	X
84	St	Cannock & Rugeley	C	1309	X	✓	✓	✓	X
85	St	Chartley	L	1327	X	✓	✓	✓	X
86	St	Essington	L	1292	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
87	St	Farewell	C	1290	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
88	St	Haywood	C	1305	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
89	St	Hilton	C	1317	✓	X	✓	✓	X

90	St	Longdon	C	1297	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
91	St	Pattingham	L	1311	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
92	<i>St</i>	<i>Swinfen</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>1304</i>					
93	<i>St</i>	<i>Whitmore</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>1310</i>					
94	W	Bockleton	L	1302	X	✓	✓	✓	X
95	W	<i>Bromsgrove rectory</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>1310</i>					
96	W	<i>Elmley Castle</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>1347</i>					
97	W	Halesowen ²	C	1270	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
98	W	<i>Kings Norton</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>1322</i>					
99	W	Ombersley	C	1326	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
100	W	<i>Powick</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>1314</i>					
101	W	Stoke Prior	C	1282	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
102	W	Tardebigge	C	1273	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
103	W	Worcester Priory cellarers' manors ¹	C	1314	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Sources: Database of manor court litigation, 'Private law and medieval village society' project. See <https://www.geog.cam.ac.uk/research/projects/privatelaw/>.

Notes: Court roll series in italics have been drawn on in research for this article but are excluded from the seventy-four subject to systematic analysis in section IV above. 'Enforcement of judgment' refers to a statement that the court will act to 'levy' a debt or damages. In some instances, the plaintiff paid to obtain this assistance.

¹There are two 'composite' court roll series which record the proceedings of multiple manor courts in a single series: the minor manors of Hereford Cathedral (Clelonger, Eggleton, Holme Lacey, and Marden); the manors of Worcester priory's cellarer (a core of sixteen manor courts, plus around five others infrequently recorded).

²Includes separate court roll series for Hales manor, Hales borough, Romsley, and Warley Wigorn.